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For: PHARMACEUTICAL)	
COMPOSITION FOR TREATMENT)	
OF HEART DISEASE BASED ON)	
CARDIAC HYPERTROPHY)	

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly delete claims 6 and 22-29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly replace claims 8 and 21 as follows.

8. (Twice Amended) A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the substance that acts on guanylyl cyclase A natriuretic peptide receptor and accelerates production of cyclic guanosine monophosphate is a natriuretic peptide.